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ABSTRACT

This book guides citizens in using the Internet for community, social, and political action. Following an in-depth introduction, chapters include: Chapter 1, "Getting Connected" and Chapter 2, "Tools," explain the two Internet tools central to organizing for activism--electronic mail lists and the World Wide Web, and the hardware and software*required to use them; Chapter 3, "Trolling for Information," describes navigating the World Wide Web, government programs, monitoring elected officials, tracking issues, and using World Wide Web browser "bookmarks"; Chapter 4, "Advocacy," discusses how certain organizations and advocates are already using the Internet; Chapter 5, "Neighborhoods," is about using the Internet for community and neighborhood change and development; Chapter 6, "Virtual Politics," illustrates ways of using the Internet to foster voter registration, election participation, and the wider influence of local party activists and policy advocates; Chapter 7, "We, the People," relates the necessary cooperation in the years ahead among Internet activists, government, and citizens. The appendices include "Useful Internet Sites," a list of Internet addresses for social and political organization, community websites, online publications, directories, search engines, think tanks, and political parties; and a glossary of computer networking terms. Sidebars throughout the book list surface mailing addresses, electronic mail addresses, and World Wide Web addresses for relevant persons and organizations. (LAP)

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